# The Homegoing Celebration For

# Rev. Calvin C. Miles, Sr.

Sunrise December 15, 1926 Heflin, Louisiana Sunset January 8, 2003 Richmond, California



Services Held

Tuesday, January 14, 2003 – 11:00 a.m.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church 662 South 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Richmond, California

Rev. Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Officiating

## Obituary

Calvin C. Miles, Sr. was born on December 15, 1926 in Heflin, Louisiana to Uriah and Syphronia Miles. He gave his life to Christ as a young boy and was baptized at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Dubberly, Louisiana. He was honorably discharged from the US Army in 1946 and received a WWII Victory Medal. He later attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

After moving to Richmond, California around 1952, he joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Robert L. Johnson. Three years later, he was united in holy matrimony to Emma Jean Britton, and they were blessed with 3 daughters and 2 sons.

Calvin, who worked as an AC Transit bus driver for several years, later opened his own business: Miles TV Repair Service & Record Shop. In the meantime, he was very active at St. John and held several positions, including choir member, Sunday School Superintendent and member of the Deacon Board. He accepted God's call to the ministry and was ordained in 1983. Rev. Miles received a BA in Theology and a Master's in Religious Education. He proudly served as a Chaplain for the Richmond Police Department, and he was an Associate Minister at St. John until his Homegoing.

Rev. Miles loved to teach the Word of God and to minister to His people. He touched many lives, and will truly be missed by family and friends.

To celebrate his Homegoing he leaves: his wife, Emma Jean Miles; four daughters: Dorothy M. Baker of Minden, LA; Rev. Gina R. Casey of Phoenix, AZ; Bernetta F. James of Chandler, AZ; and Robin N. Miles of Phoenix, AZ; two sons: Calvin C. Miles, Jr. of Richmond, CA and Min. Bernard L. Miles of Vista, CA; three sisters: Alvania Holmes and Lula Mims both of Dubberly, LA; and Lillie Thomas of Los Angeles, CA; three sisters-in-law: Viola B. Wallace and Norma N. Gibson both of Richmond, CA; and Clementine Miles of Houston, TX; one brother-in-law: Melvin Mims of Dubberly, LA; one daughter-in-law: Linda L. Miles of Vista, CA; three sons-in-law: Duane J. Casey of Phoenix, AZ; Eli F. James, Jr. of Chandler, AZ; and Prentiss Baker of Minden, LA; 9 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

	Processional
	ScriptureOld TestamentRev. Otis HarrisNew TestamentRev. Dr. Frederick Hubbard Presiding Elder, Bay Cities District, A.M.E. Zion Church PrayerRev. Carl Humphrey
	Musical Selection
40	AcknowledgementsSis. Vernette Crockett
	Musical SelectionVoices of St. John
	ObituaryRev. Leona Welch
	Remarks
	SoloSis. Cynthia Harris
	Eulogy
	Parting View"When We All Get To Heaven"
	Recessional

Interment: Rolling Hills Memorial Park Richmond, California

#### Active Pallbearers

Marcus L. Miles Timothy L. Ticer Duane J. Casey Eli F. James, Jr.

Stephen D. Casey Rev. Stephen A. Gibson

#### Honorary Pallbearers

James Welch David Wilson
James Washington Chester Blackmon

## To Our Daddy "His Journey's Just Begun"

Don't think of him as gone away – his journey's just begun, Life holds so many facets – this earth is only one...

*Just think of him as resting from the sorrows and the tears In a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years.* 

Think how he must be wishing that we could know today How nothing but our sadness can really pass away.

And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched... For nothing loved is ever lost – and he was loved so much.

E. Brenneman

#### Acknowledgments

Perhaps you made a comforting call, or sat quietly in chair.
Perhaps you sent a card or dish of food, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so very much.
Whatever the part, may God bless you with His sweet & gentle touch.

- The Family -

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

Stewart's

Rose Manor Funeral Service

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